



The City Source

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City Named a Digital City!

Lynchburg has been named a Digital City for the second year in a row. The Digital Cities program acknowledges city governments that are utilizing information technology to operate and deliver quality service to their customers and citizens. The program is administered by the California-based Center for Digital Government.

Mayors, chief information officers, and city managers at over 300 of the nation's cities were invited to participate. Officials responded to a set of 22 questions. The survey grouped cities into four categories based on population: 250,000 or greater, 125,000-249,999, 75,000-124,999, and 30,000-74,999. Survey questions focused on implementation and adoption of online service delivery; planning and governance; and the infrastructure and architecture that make the transformation to digital government possible. The City of Lynchburg placed sixth in its population category.

"This survey showcases a significant increase in cities' utilization of both wireless and broadband infrastructure," said Cathilea Robinett, executive director of the Center. "This survey also continues to showcase the level of commitment by local officials to view technology as a key element in delivering vital citizen services. We are pleased to honor our

nation's cutting-edge cities with the 2005 Digital Cities Survey award."

"Although online services are just a part of the Digital Cities award program, we find that more and more citizens are expressing a desire to conduct business with the City over the Internet," said Lynchburg's Information Technology Director Mike Goetz. Both City Council and the City administration are committed to making this possible, and we continue to work to develop more online services to meet the needs of our customers."

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. A private organization based in Folsom, California, the Center's advisory services, online resources, and special reports provide public and private-sector leaders with decision support, knowledge, and opportunities to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

Parks & Recreation Receives Grant!

The Lynchburg Parks & Recreation Department has been awarded \$38,000 by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This is the largest grant to promote and develop the growth of tennis ever awarded in the state of Virginia.

The facility receiving the benefits of this grant will be E.C. Glass High School's tennis courts, which is a Lynchburg Parks and Recreation facility. E.C. Glass has 12 courts, and improvements scheduled to be made include replacing the lighting system and repairing the court surface.

The USTA and the NRPA joined forces in 2005 and have awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants across the country, including the recent Lynchburg grant. These grants are part of a major campaign to promote tennis entitled "Tennis in the Parks." The initial

USTA Virginia Tennis

inspiration of the campaign stems from the 2003 USTA survey which showed that approximately 80% of first-time tennis play is done on park or school courts.

USTA/Virginia Tennis President Sue Worsham presented Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson with the grant check on November 8th at a City Council meeting.

Lynchburg Parks and Recreation expects the E.C. Glass courts to be ready for play by the summer of 2006.

For more information on tennis in Virginia, you can visit VirginiaTennis.com, or to find a tennis facility near you visit:

TennisWelcomeCenter.com.

Recycling Over the Holidays

The day after Christmas is usually the busiest day of the year at the City's nine drop-off recycling centers. Tons of wrapping paper and gift boxes fill and sometimes overflow the mixed paper bins.

You can help us manage this large influx of paper products during the holiday season by following these tips:

- Flatten all gift boxes.
- Paper bows and ribbon can also be recycled in the Mixed Paper Bin (no foil or cloth bows or ribbons please).
- Wrapping paper is recyclable. Place in the Mixed Paper bin.
- Flatten all corrugated boxes and place in the "Corrugated Only" recycling bins; corrugated boxes are usually brown in color and have the rippled center between its layers.
- If the recycling bin is full, please take your recyclables to another drop-off site, or come back in the next day or two. Chances are the full bin will be emptied later that day.

Drop-Off Center Locations:

- Kroger, Linkhorne Drive (*behind* Cable office)
- Fort Hill Shopping Center, Fort Avenue
- Kroger, Old Graves Mill Road and Timberlake
- River Ridge Mall, near Sears
- Fairview Square Shopping Center, Campbell Avenue
- Village Court Shopping Center, Boonsboro Road
- The Plaza, Lower Level
- City Waste Mgt. Office, Concord Turnpike
- Grace Street behind Fire Station

For more information call Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489)

Recyclables accepted at all drop-off locations include:

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Drink and Food Cans
- Newspapers and Inserts
- Mixed Paper
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs, #1 and #2



Christmas Tree Recycling:

Please place your undecorated trees on the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection (no tag required).

- Wed., Jan. 11: Residents with regular MONDAY or TUESDAY trash collection.
- Wed., Jan. 18: Residents with regular THURSDAY or FRIDAY trash collection.

Christmas tree drop-off locations include:

- Fort Hill Shopping Center (*near* recycling bins)
- Peaks View Park (Wigginton Road entrance to parking lot)
- Riverside Park (parking lot)
- Miller Park (parking lot)
- Lynchburg Landfill (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday)

NOTE: Drop-off locations accepting trees through January 20th. Trees placed on the curb after January 20th will require a .95 cent trash tag.

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City Schools Inclement Weather Notification



In the event that Lynchburg City Schools cannot operate on a normal schedule due to weather related or other emergency conditions, parents, students, and community members will be given school-closing information through the information sources listed below:

School Closing Information:
(434) 847-1420

Public Information Office:
(434) 522-3786

LCS Website: www.lynchburg.org
(Select Channel 2)

Television Stations:

WSET-13	Fox 21/27 - CTV
WDBJ-7	WLCS Cablevision
WSLS-10	Channel 2

All Local Radio Stations

Parents may also subscribe to a free e-mail notification service, [School's Out.com](http://SchoolsOut.com), to receive an immediate e-mail should there be an emergency at their child's school or in the case of inclement weather caused closings. School's Out.com also offers a new text alert message service for cell phone users. Parents may go to www.schoolsout.com to learn more about this new service.

All Leaf Collection Services End December 16, 2005

Public Works will end both loose leaf and bagged leaf collection on Dec. 16.



NOTE: Bagged leaves may still be placed at curbside for pick-up during regular trash collection with a .95 cent trash tag attached.



HOLIDAY CLOSING

All Municipal Offices will be CLOSED on December 23 and 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday

The Landfill will be open on Friday, December 23 and 24, closing early on Saturday, December 24 at 12:00 p.m. and then CLOSED on Monday, December 26.

NOTE: Friday, December 23 trash collection will occur on Wednesday, December 21.

Looking Back, Moving Forward A Conversation with Your City Manager

Wed., Dec. 7, 2005
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Old Court House Museum
901 Court Street

Guest Speaker: Kimball Payne
(City Manager)

Long Range Human Capital Planning Meeting

Wed., Jan. 11, 2006
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Bank of the James Building
828 Main Street

(Continental Breakfast Provided)

Guest Speaker: Shirley Deen
(President, Human Resources Trainers & Consultants and Director, Blue Kiwi)

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